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Crewkerne Rotary Club

CREWKERNE Rotary Club was formed in September 2009 to provide an opportunity for fellowship and service for active community members within Crewkerne and the surrounding villages.

The Rotary Club holds regular meetings, at Oscar's Wine Bar *(Market Square, Crewkerne)*, on Thursdays at 7.30pm (1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of month).

A new venture initiated by the existing Rotary Club of Crewkerne, it offers younger members a way to move forward within the continually evolving Rotary organisation.

The committee ensures that the club runs efficiently, and that there is stimulating and varied programme. It is also responsible for the integration of new members into the club, with membership and classifications, attendance, fellowship and friendship within the club.

As well as ensuring the club is run efficiently they organise a series of various Annual Events, whch include the Club's Christmas Ladies Dinner, President's Ladies Night, Club Handover Dinner and Club Visit to District Conference

Visit the website for details on future events, meetings and contact details.

Scouts on a world jamboree

By Marion Draper

TWO Explorer Scouts from Crewkerne are heading for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden with the help of fundraising from other members of the local movement.

Karl Taylor, who is 17, will go as a leader and Pip Liggins, who is 14, will be going to enjoy the activities.

A world jamboree is only held every four years with thousands of Scouts, from every corner of the world gathering in a tented city for two weeks of activities and adventure.

With the four year gap, there is really only one chance for a Scout to attend for the fun but once they are an 18-year-old leader they can keep going. Karl joked: "I get to go and clean up and sh's doing all the activities!"

But both were excited to be attending such a huge event.

They will go as part of the Cheddar Cheese Unit which is an international service team and they have to raise £2,500 each. The local Scout Fellowship ,now known as the Scout Active Support has helped the pair by donating £1,500 into the pot and helped the youngsters organise a bingo night at Horton Village Hall last week to push them a little further to their target.

The jamboree starts on July 27th so they still have a few months to finish their fundraising for the trip of a lifetime.

■ LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER: Pip Liggins and Karl Taylor saving to get to the jamboree

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Open evening

FOR Crewkerne students thinking of moving on to Yeovil College, there will be a having a full-time Information Evening on Monday January 24th.

This will be an opportunity for year nine to 11 students to visit the college with family and friends and find out how it can help them fulfil their potential. A full complement of staff will be on hand to provide information about the wide range of courses available, including A levels, vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.

In addition, advice on other important topics, such as finance, travel and student support, will be on offer from specialist staff.

Potential students can also get a taste of courses by taking part in activities available throughout the evening, campus tours will also be available. For more information, call 01935 423921 or visit www.yeovil.ac.uk.

Rotary shop success

THE ROTARY Club of Crewkerne were kept busy with sales in their shop right up to its closure last Saturday afternoon with an estimated 28,000 visitors over the eight weeks of opening. The final gross takings amounted to £15,595.91.

Ater expenses, profits will go to Rotary charities and other good causes in the area. The members would like to offer their grateful thanks to all the people who donated goods, for the monetary donations, and not least, to the customers who purchased the bargains.

Goalpost stolen

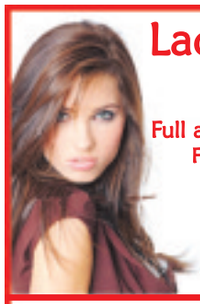
A GOALPOST was stolen from Merriott recreation ground between 4pm and 9pm on Saturday, January 9th.

The heavy metal item measuring 15 feet long by about 8 feet tall and painted white would have taken two people to lift and a large vehicle to take it away.

If you have any information about this theft please ring 0845 4567000 or the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111.

Doorstep callers

POLICE are asking residents to be wary of people going door to door selling items or canvassing and trying to gain access to their homes. There have been a number reports in the area this week. Please report anyone unfamiliar calling at your property promptly on 0845 44567000.



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Housing promise is back on track

WORK is now underway again on three key developments in South Somerset, following the takeover by construction company Mansell of elements of the work previously to be undertaken by Rok which went into receivership late last year.

The affordable homes, being built for one of the largest housing providers in the South West - Yarlington Housing Group - are due to be released in phases throughout the year, with final completion by the end of March in Ilton, April in Templecombe, and the end of the year in Bruton.

Rok had been a partner of the housing group for several years, and was involved in some of the company's major developments such as those in Bradfield Way, Chard; Woodhayes Road and Milford Road, Yeovil.

Assistant director of development Aidan Kelly said: "We are delighted that this work has now resumed, and we are working with Mansell to ensure that the programmes are delivered to our quality standards.

"There has been a short, unavoidable delay, but we are now confident that the work will be completed without any further disruption."

Regional managing director of Mansell Partnership Housing South West, Craig Currie said: "It is great to be back working with Yarlington on the schemes at Ilton, Bruton, Templecombe and the recently negotiated Northbrook project.

"Our working relationship goes back a number of years and we are glad to be back in a position to support Yarlington with their strategic growth plans."

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■ NATIONAL INTEREST: Evacuees and organisers at the opening of Donyatt Halt in 2009

Cycle route to feature on TV

By Marion Draper

THE DONYATT Halt project, which has enhanced the railway cycle path linking Ilminster and Chard running through Donyatt and Knowle St Giles, will be featured on a primetime BBC programme later this month.

The reconstruction project,which was unveiled in June 2009, uncovered wartime points of interest and installed seating and information boards at landmarks along the disused railway which now forms the Stop Line Way cycle route.

Dozens of volunteers from the local community worked for months with South Somerset District Council and the four parish councils, to bring it back to life.

Donyatt Halt is now a landmark along the Stop Line Way with evocative statues and stories of wartime evacuees.

On Thursday, January 27th, at 7pm, the One Show on BBC 1 is expected to feature the role that the Donyatt Halt and the Stop Line played during World War II.

South Somerset District Councillor Carol Goodall, who helped lead the project with Donyatt resident Brian Harper and many other local people, said: "People living locally got together and came up with this idea as a priority within their parish and community plans. It was a real joint effort and so many people have already come to enjoy the path and learn about its heritage, so I am pleased to hear that it of national interest."

New interpretation boards highlight the historic construction of the Chard to Bridgwater Canal, and the coming of the railway and Stopline which was built as a defensive measure against invasion in World War II.

A leaflet with a map and information about the route is now available in Tourist Information Centres.

Sustrans, Somerset County Council and Somerset Wildlife Trust were also involved in the award-winning scheme.

For more information on the Stop Line Way cycle route contact Sustrans on 0117 926 8893.

Chard club on their travels

■ **MEMBERS of Chard Travel Group are pictured on their recent holiday in Jersey. The group has been in existence sine 1993 and enjoys holiday, long weekends and day trips away.**

Organiser Eddy Madge said this had been one of their most enjoyable holidays to date. New members are always welcome. Anyone who is interested should contact Mr Madge on 01460 63374.

More job security for helicopter workers

AN ANNOUNCEMENT by the Ministry of Defence that it has signed a £570million contract with AgustaWestland to support the fleet of Merlin helicopters in both the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy means good news for workers connected with the Yeovil factory, many of whom live in Crewkerne and the surrounding area.

The deal covers the second five-year period of the 25-year Integrated Merlin Operational Support contract and will run until 2016. The contract will increase the availability of Merlin helicopters to our armed forces and will secure around 1,000 jobs in the UK- many of which will be based in Yeovil. The MOD also claim that the contract will save UK taxpayers around £12million a year compared to previous contractual arrangements.

Commenting on the announcement, David Laws, MP for Yeovil Constituency, said: "I welcome this deal, which is excellent news for both the Yeovil area and our armed forces. This contract will ensure that the Merlin helicopters continue to be well supported in their deployments - both within Afghanistan and on other operations throughout the world. The jobs secured with this contract will also be hugely beneficial to our local economy- as much of the work on these helicopters will be assigned to Westland's factory in Yeovil.

"I commend the efforts of those in AgustaWestland who have worked hard to secure this contract. I will continue to press the case for further contracts to be granted to Westland - who are such an important employer in our area - and will work closely with the company to achieve this."

Positive outlook for Somerset?

CHIEF executive Rupert Cox of Into Somerset, the inward investment body, has declared the outlook is good for investing in Somerset during 2011 thanks to a combination of continuing low interest rates, government policy and a range of exciting business opportunities in the county.

He said: "We are feeling cautiously optimistic about the future.The Bank of England's decision to maintain the low interest rate of 0.5 per cent means the prospects for borrowing and therefore for business growth and investment are maximised. At a time when many businesses are starting to think more positively about the future, this is a great boost for the economy, and we expect to see a notable impact in Somerset."

"The investment body states that times like these are known to trigger a significant rise in new business start-ups and Somerset already has one of the highest business start-up rates of any county outside London. Figures released last year show that the south west as a region has seen the biggest increase in start-up businesses, seeing a 12 per cent growth in the year to the end of June 2010.

■ **POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Rupert Cox at the Somerset Business Awards**

"Somerset's cost-effective commercial property prices, easy access to London and the south east, and strong business support network all play a big part in this success. The appeal now has an additional financial incentive too, thanks to a three-year scheme announced by the Government during the emergency budget last summer. Businesses starting up outside London, the south east and the east of England are exempt from up to £5,000 of employers' National Insurance contributions in their first year of trading.

"This little-known tax break means it is more cost-effective than ever to set up a business in Somerset. Around 20,000 people relocate here every year and the vast majority are from London and the south east, so this is another great incentive for them. With a wealth of opportunities here, such as the proposed £10billion investment in Hinkley Point, the £270million investment in the impressive Firepool Development in Taunton, and an enormous range of renewable energy projects and opportunities, there's no better time for businesses to make the move to the country."

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Housing group's fundraising

□ **WORTHY CAUSE: Kate Buddery Children's Hospice South West Corporate Partnership Fundraiser, accepts the cheque from Teresa Devney , Cheryl Mundell, Sarah Symcox and Nikki Allen of YHG**

YARLINGTON Housing Group selected Children's Hospice South West for their charity last year. Employees and residents together raised over £5,000 for this worthwhile cause with various events such as "wellie wanging", themed coffee mornings, mufti days and selling homemade cakes.

A few representatives recently visited the hospice at Charlton Farm, North Somerset to deliver the funds they had raised during 2010.

The visitors were given a guided tour of the hospice, which was built and extended from an old working farm and can accommodate up to eight children along with their parents and siblings for up to two weeks of each year. During each stay the families can make use of all the facilities which include an art room, music room, teenagers' den, soft play area, fancy dress room and spa jacuzzi. Charlton Farm supports around 200 life-limited children and their families every year.

Sarah Symcox PR and Marketing Assistant for Yarlington said: "We are delighted that we've been able to support the hospice in this way and it's been a great opportunity to come and see how the funds we've raised will be used to provide respite care for a family with a life-limited child."

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All hail the mighty apple

■ TRADITIONAL TALE : The Langport Mummers with the tale of St George and the Black Knight

IT WAS A quieter than usual turnout for the now well established annual Wassail at the National Trust property of Barrington Court, although the rain held off for the first part of the evening.

Held on the traditional date of the old Twelfth Night - January 17th - wassailing is a toast to the orchard to ensure a good crop for the coming year and a waking of the trees with the banishment of the winter. The word itself is old English for "be in good health".

In jolly mood, proceedings were introduced by Matthew Applegate and the Gloucester Wassail poem was read by Mike Farley from Crewkerne.

Susannah Applegate played the wassailing song on her cornet and Peter Card tried to lead the community singing but unfortunately there was a mix up with the words which caused leg pulling about hitting the Barrington cider so everyone enjoyed music from Slapjack before the entrance of the Babylon Morris dancers. The side traditionally have blacked out faces but among their number were Crewkerne town councillor Andrea Stuart and Ilminster beat manager PC Andy Stuart.

The Wassail, toasting of the Apple Tree Man, which is usually the oldest tree in the orchard, was led by John Waltham. He chose an innocent from the crowd who was Aaron Parsons, due to be nine the very next day. Together they placed cider soaked toast in the branches and dipped a lowered branch into the cider. Between each action the rest of the assembled, circled the tree and chanted the Wassail. Next the body of a wren (represented by a cloth pouch) was buried at the base of the tree, then Aaron had the honour of pouring cider around the roots. Finally everyone made as much noise as possible to wake the sleeping trees.

The heavens opened shortly after the ceremony but that did not deter the Langport Mummers from their performance of the fight between good and evil and the banishment of the dark days of winter.

St George fought the black knight, was struck and then revived by the love of his mother a dubious doctor, new age healer and drunken sot. It was great entertainment to banish the day dubbed nationally as Blue Monday.

The evening was rounded off by more Morris dancing and hot food and mulled cider as people drifted in and out of the craft studios.

■ WASSAIL WASSAIL: Everyone circles the tree and sings the wassailing chant

■ TOAST FOR THE TREE: Aaron Parsons helps John Waltham put cider soaked toast in the branches

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Dismay over nursery Ofsted report

By Marion Draper

STAFF and parents were reeling at Clare House, in Chard, this week where the nursery school was given an "Inadequate" Ofsted report after the inspectors visited just before Christmas.

The report criticised risk assessment and record keeping procedures, which it described as "not robust" and condemned the hygiene procedures stating as an example: "Children open other children's sandwiches which have been put out onto plates."

Manager Jeanette O'Dwyer, who has been at the centre for 27 years, said she did not deny there were areas where they needed to pull their socks up in terms of record keeping but the way the report was phrased made it sound as if the children were at risk.

She has already reached stage two of the complaints procedure and is awaiting a follow up visit.

Parents have rallied to the support of the staff, who were very distressed when the report became public last week and have been writing letters to Ofsted, disagreeing with their findings.

One mother, Jayne Woodland, commented: "I have had three children go through here over the last ten years and I think the report is a total misrepresentation of the nursery itself. All three of my children, who all had different needs, wanted to come here every day and there were times when we as a family needed support and the staff have gone out of their way to help us.

"I have also seen how they work behind closed doors because I have come to help at the out of school club. I am a nail technician and I come in to do nail painting with the older children in the holidays. With my experience as a parent, I would know if the place was unsafe.

"To be honest most of the staff here could probably earn more elsewhere but they choose to stay because they love it here and love the children."

Victoria Bates from the Holyrood Street Florist took time out of work to add her voice of support. She said: "I'm new to the area and live in Ilminster. My child was only 20 months old and coming from a childminder to a nursery, I looked around very carefully. I was shown all the rooms and spoke to the children. I don't think the inspectors stayed long enough to get a real feel of things and I find it insulting to me as a parent that I wouldn't realise if my child was unhappy.

"I feel quite strongly that anyone reading this report would think this was not a good place to be. I have written a letter to Ofsted to tell them I think they are doing a lot more harm than they realise."

The nursery is waiting for a return visit and, unlike schools who get four days warning, there is no notice as to when the inspectors will call. Meanwhile the team are happy for any parents or prospective parents to visit and see how they operate. A copy of the report can be viewed online by visiting the Ofsted website.

HAPPY FACES: Children and staff at Clare House Nursery in Chard, which an Ofsted report branded as 'inadequate'

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TASTE OF AFRICA: Sue Morley, Hilary McMaster, Zoe Ainsworth and Chris, Penny and Paul Jolley

Support for third world education

A PACKED house at the Ilminster Warehouse Theatre last Saturday evening, enjoyed a showing of U-Carmen e-Khayelitsha, a contemporary adaptation of the opera Carmen.

The debut feature, entirely in the Xhosa language, by British director Mark Dornford-May was shown to raise money for Purple Field Productions, a local company that makes educational and humanitarian films.

The special showing included a buffet of foods with a taste of Africa created by Penny Jolley and her team of family and friends. Tasters included green bean cakes, fish balls, spicy chicken and turmeric rice.

Led by founder Elspeth Waldie, the Purple Field company creates documentaries, dramas and training films which tackle the most difficult issues faced by developing countries, such as HIV, AIDS and prejudice surrounding disability.

Their HIV and AIDS awareness drama Mawa Langa, made in association with Temwa and YONECO in Malawi, recently won an award at the Picture This film festival 2011 in Calgary, Canada. Mawa Langa won the award for the best drama over 30 minutes. The presentation will take place at the Gala Evening on February 12th.

Their next project will be to help educate farmers in Malawi who suffer increasingly from climate change. Expenses for the equipment needed will be around £5,000. The finished film will be shown on Malawi television and be available for the use of non-governmental organisations.

The next fundraiser for Purple Fields will be a stall of gifts for Mothering Sunday at the Ilminster monthly market on Saturday April 2nd, donations gratefully received - call Penny 01460 52699.

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Great result for radiology charity

■ **MONEY FOR RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT: Ilminster Lions Martin John Gidlow and John Nicholson, Eric Saffin, Angie Blackwell, Lion John Nicholson, Jeff Gale and Roy Hole**

ANGIE Blackwell of Cottage Flowers in Ilminster and the Lions Club were both delighted to hand over significant donations to the Somerset Unit for Radiology Equipment. Known as SURE, the charity provides scanners for the specialist cancer unit at Taunton's Musgrove Hospital, the Beacon Centre.

Mrs Blackwell presented fundraisers Eric Saffin, Roy Hole and Jeff Gale with a magnificent £7,000 raised from the gala evening held at Whitelackington Manor last year, courtesy of Lord and Lady Cameron.

The Lions Club gave a further £500 from their many fundraising activities, such as car boot sales and the teddy bear raffle.

Both have donated to the charity several times over the last few years thanks to the generosity and support of the community.

Take time for a cuppa

THE TUESDAY Welcome Group, which organises activities for older people at the Crewkerne Henhayes Community Centre, presented a patchwork banner to hang in the entrance hall.

Made by members of the group with advice and assistance from Rita Fisk of the U3A Craft Group it was made to draw attention to the fact that the community centre provides tea and coffee to anyone on weekdays and Saturday mornings, as well as light snacks and lunches at certain times.

The Henhayes trustees say there were still people unaware that the community centre was open for anyone to drop in and enjoy a cuppa and read the paper.

The centre is also be helping those with resolutions for the New Year by starting a new gentle exercise class by qualified physiotherapist Christine Howard for anyone who is feeling a bit stiff or needs a gentle introduction to fitness. The class takes place on Mondays from 10-11.30am. There will also be Wii Fit classes using the Wii equipment on loan to the centre from

■ **COME IN FOR A CUPPA: Rita Fisk and the Tuesday Welcome Group present their patchwork banner to chair of Trustees Tim Udall**

Ilminster shopper reaps the benefit

■ **EXTRA GOODIES: First Tuesday winner Stephanie Snowdon collects her Bonners hamper from Clinton Bonner in Town and Country**

SEAVINGTON villager Stephanie Snowdon was the lucky winner of the November prize draw in the Ilminster First Tuesday campaign and was thrilled to win a wonderful hamper from one of the participating businesses, Bonners of Ilminster.

Butcher Clinton Bonner asked if Stephanie would like to wait until nearer to Christmas to receive her hamper so that it would enable her to enjoy her goodies over the festive period.

So the lucky winner was delighted when just before Christmas Mr Bonner handed over the array of produce from his shop, including meats, turkey breast and cheeses at Town and Country Hardware, where Stephanie entered her ticket.

Stephanie commented that she shopped in Ilminster when she could as she finds the shops friendly and the staff very helpful. Apart from Town and Country and Bonners, she especially liked Frame of Mind and The Hair Suite. She added that she would encourage anyone who had not yet found out about the delights of shopping in Ilminster to do so as they were missing out.

Lizards, leeches and loads of fun

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE girl Bethany Edmunds and her two friends, Jenny Donisthorpe from Lopen, and Mell Harvey from Haselbury Plucknett, all had a life changing experience in Nepal last summer.

The girls, who were all students at Wadham School, had to raise at least £2,500 each for an educational trip which involved trekking and staying at Buddhist and Hindu villages. They also helped at the Nepal Concerned Centre, which works with children at risk, to provide vocational training for young people from street and labour work backgrounds, enabling them to generate income and become more independent.

Now 16 and going to Richard Huish College- where she is studying law, French and maths, Bethany said the trip last July had been incredible and she would love to do something similar during a gap year. She had done odd jobs, held a soup kitchen and a bric-a-brac stall and played music to raise the money.

They flew to Abu Dhabi and then to Katmandu and to Pokhara Nepal where they trekked to Pune Hill.

Bethany said: "We spent four days teaching and painting classrooms, the people our age were amazing, they could all speak good English and really appreciated us teaching them in English. We split into different groups and my group took a music class all about rhythm.

"Some aspects of the trip were what I expected but others were different. The school was just a concrete square with nothing on the walls but it was full of really nice polite people. I took some posters from the Early Learning Centre which they really appreciated. The city was not like a city, it was full of half built buildings because if a building isn't finished they don't have to pay taxes on it.

"We stayed in tea houses that were very basic accommodation. On the first night there was a geko in the bed and there were bats and spiders. They were Buddhists and don't kill anything so we had to get it out carefully.

"It was the monsoon season but didn't rain as much as I expected. It rained at night which made it slippery to walk during the day. I won the award for the most leeches - 14 in one day which I found quite funny actually - I had one on my head and the blood was dripping down my face.

"There were 19 students and two adults.We walked down waterfalls and there were lots of insects and monkeys. We all felt really unfit, the sherpas were running up hill in flip flops carrying packs five time bigger than ours.

"It was hard to leave the school, we left bin bags full of stuff for them like clothes for the children. I left my hiking equipment for the Sherpas, like waterproofs and emergency rations. The school did a big presentation with traditional dancing wearing garlands and shawls. They asked us to sing to them and the only things we all knew the words to were "Any Dream Will Do" from Joseph and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer".

The three girls had given a presentation to the Rotary Club of Crewkerne who sponsored them, and soon they will return to the club to tell the members about their trip. The 41 Club also donated and Bethany said they were very grateful to both groups and all the individuals who helped them raise the funds.

■ SPECIAL CHILDREN: The students from Wadham and other schools with schoolchildren in Nepal

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In search of George Lovibond

AMATEUR historian Michael Holtom, from Ilminster, loves to collect old photographs and artefacts of the town.

A chance purchase of a postcard online led to a lengthy investigation that revealed the generosity of a local man.

Avid collector Mr Holtom came across a picture of a lifeboat named Ilminster, which was described as the Hartlepool number one boat. He knew nothing about it and curious as to why a lifeboat should be named after the inland market town, immediately went to local fundraiser for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, the late Jim Olds. Mr Olds was also unaware of such a craft and said he would be keen to know the outcome of any research on the subject. It turned into nearly a five year investigation on the part of Mr Holtom.

A couple who were travelling to Hartlepool offered to make some enquiries during their visit on his behalf. They tracked down a Mr B Stringer who passed on a further photograph of the Ilminster lifeboat on which his grandfather had been a crew member.

Mr Holtom was able to find out that the lifeboat had been purchased by a George Lovibond and after some local research found him to have been born in Middlezoy in 1807 to a fairly wealthy farming family. Later the 1851 census puts him as living with the Chapman family in Whitelackington.

More became clear when a copy of the last will and testament of George Lovibond was obtained, which was written in March of 1887. Mr Lovibond died a batchelor on February 13th 1889 aged 82, living in Horton at the time and was buried in Ilminster cemetery.

He left the RNLI £1,000 to be used for the purchase of a lifeboat "to be named the Ilminster".

The Ilminster Lifeboat information is sketchy but so far Mr Holtom has established that it came on station in 1889 as the number one boat, replacing the Charles Mather at a cost of £449.

The first incident for the Ilminster was when an 1,110 ton screw steamer, Talvera, of Newcastle ran aground at Blackhall on October 27th, 1900, at 10.30am, the boat and 16 crew were made ready but later stood down as the tide had ebbed and the vessel left in shallow water.

Mr Lovibond had made local donations in his will and left £200 to the Ilminster School Board to be invested and used to purchase annual prizes for the scholars. Taunton and West Somerset Hospital and Bridgwater Hospital were both left £200. The benefactor also left £100 each to the parish churches of Middlezoy and Ilminster to be invested and used annually to purchase bread for the poor at Christmas.

■ **LIFE SAVING CREW: Hartlepool number one lifeboat the Ilminster and crew in about 1889**

■ **PUTTING THE PUZZLE TOGETHER: Michael Holtom next to the grave of George Lovibond**

An entry from the Ilminster parish magazine of February 1905 refers to the difficulty of the vicar in trying to distribute the Lovibond trust. It stated: "Of the Lovibond bread charity, about 52 shillings a year, I would say it is impossible to distribute with satisfaction. Persons who are not poor say they have a right to it. I shall have to do one of three things, either send bread to every house in Horton, rich and poor; or send it all to such of the poor folk as receive parish relief; or write to the charity commissioners in London to take this small charity off the hands of the vicar and churchwardens, for the grumbling hinders our ministry."

There is a record that the Middlezoy charity had ceased before 2000 when it was deregistered.

Mr Lovibond had been generous to the community in life as well as after his death and is documented as the largest contributor to the Queen Victoria Jubilee celebrations in Ilminster, with the handsome sum of five pounds and five shillings.

There are still pieces of the puzzle missing. So far no photograph of the man himself has been found nor has ten years of his life been accounted for. Mr Holtom who is a volunteer at the Tourist Information Centre said: "What excites me is that this is a totally new story that has not been told and to be able to put this man's name forward, I think, is very important. He should be recognised in the town.

"I can find no trace of him between the 1841 and 1851 census. Was he in the navy perhaps which would explain his wanting to support the lifeboats? He came from a farming family but how did he make his fortune? He left a very large sum in his will, equivalent to a millionaire today. If anyone has more information, I would love to hear from them, it would be nice to get enough together to make a booklet about him."

If anyone has more information for Mr Holtom, please call him on 01460 57637.

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VINTAGE Clothing fanatic Terry Wren recently opened a new shop in Ilminster called Snooty Fox, finally settling her collection of vintage country and equestrian clothing into a permanent display. Originally from London, Terry has been in the west country for 40 years and now lives in Crewkerne. She had an antique shop in Dorchester for 17 years before deciding to specialise in her real passion which includes a love of shoes, bags and linens, attending the major antiques fairs throughout the county and admitting that as she only buys things she likes personally, she finds it hard to part with them.

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● **WHERE did you get your passion for vintage clothing?**
My mother was a sample machinist in London for Bloomingdales in New York, I was mad on horses and didn't see myself entering the rag trade but I always had a passion for vintage clothes. Even when I was at school,I would buy clothes from jumble sales. My mum was really into lace and it is an obsession of mine.

● **WHAT is your favourite item of clothing?**
Shoes and handbags are absolutely my thing, I even like men's shoes. I am so lucky, often I find things that have never been worn or used.

● **WHICH Period of history would you lie to visit?**
I love the clothes from the Georgian period but I think really the 1920s would be the best, the clothes were so beautifully made.

● **DO you wear vintage when you go out?**
Yes, I have a lot of 1950s stuff I wear when I go out, coats, shoes and handbags.
My partner is French and I go over to France quite a bit and I wear the coats when I do my stalls.

● **IS it hard to find your stock?**
I am really fortunate, I have several people who keep their eyes open and look for me all the time.
Dealing with the same people for years, you get to know what people want. I love having the shop, it is great for people walking in with things but I am particular and only take top quality.

● **WHAT do you like about Ilminster and Crewkerne?**
What's not to like? It is a quirky little town with independent shops and great people. I would have liked to have a shop on the high street but there was nowhere available. I love living in Crewkerne, it is such a nice community. I feel very lucky to be a part of both.

● **HAVE you travelled much?**
Yes I have been all over the world,I lived in the Middle East for several years. I do love France but my business is here.

● **WHAT is your philosophy of life?**
I live for the day and have never been one for long term plans. This shop is the biggest long term plan I have ever made in my life.

● **IF you could meet anyone past or present who would it be?**
It would have to be Audrey Hepburn, her style was so perfect. My favourite of her films is Breakfast at Tiffany's.
I went to the Victoria and Albert Museum four months ago for the Grace Kelly exhibition which was absolutely beautiful but I was disappointed they didn't have her wedding dress.

WHAT would you do with a lottery win?
Apart from the usual things of looking after the family, I would love to breed Andalusian horses.

● **WHAT do you like most about dealing?**
I like the thrill of buying and knowing you are going to make a profit. When I was in France with my partner, I did a big house clearance which was quite emotional. There was the sadness because someone had died but also the delight of opening boxes and not knowing what you would find.
There was the most amazing 1920s flapper dress in turquoise blue with jet beads and it was brand new. It was like several Christmases all in one.

Tuesday is forest day

By Marion Draper

■ PREPARATION TIME : The children tidy up the garden areas

FOR children of Shepton Beauchamp Primary School, Tuesday is forest school day. Every week come rain or shine the children go out behind the school to the rectory garden for outdoor games and activities.

They have a campfire area where they sit on logs and learn about how to make a fire, gathering their own sticks and toast things. There is also a garden area where the children grow vegetables.

Last week it was time to start the clean up after the winter and the children set to with rakes and forks to tidy up their garden area.

They were set a challenge to collect sticks and make a stick tower as high as they could by laying layers in a square. Charging off in all directions, all manner of branches were appearing and chaos ruled as the majority tried to build with all shapes and sizes of wood.

Quietly in a corner , two of the girls were breaking up tiny sticks and carefully building their tower higher, when their teacher drew attention to what they had achieved, the others learned an important lesson from their classmates who had used much less time and energy gathering and got a lot further with the task.

For a bit of fun there was a three legged race, with health and safety not allowing legs to be tied as in the good old days, the children had to pretend to be joined as they ran, a challenge in itself which created much hilarity.

Parents recently put together a garden shed for their tools and equipment for the forest school and they hope soon to have a new climbing frame. They were beneficiaries of the Crewkerne Waitrose Community Matters tokens and have just received £260 towards the play equipment from that fund.

The school, which is in its first year of being a primary, will be holding an open afternoon on Tuesday, March 29th from 2.15-3.15pm to allow parents and visitors to experience a forest school lesson with all the children and teachers. Be prepared to get muddy!

■ SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL: The girls demonstrate how to make a stick tower

WE LOVE FOREST SCHOOL: Children of Shepton Beauchamp Primary School around their fire pit

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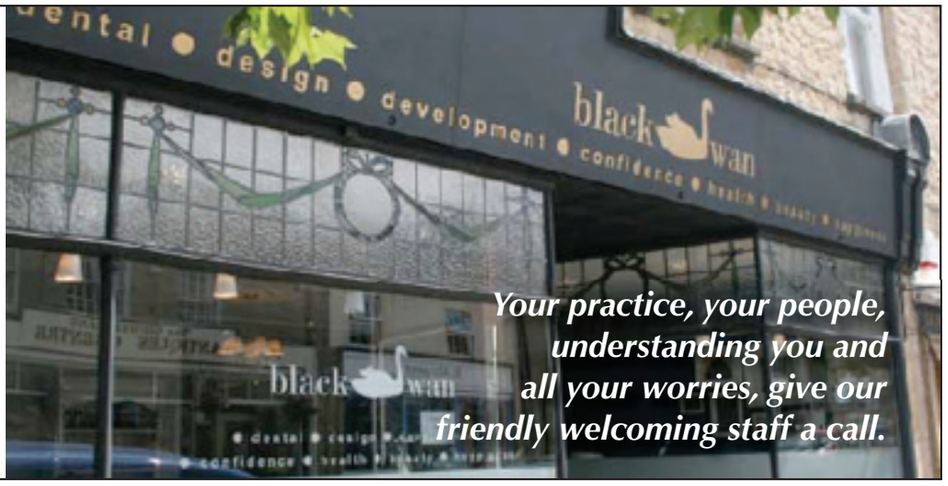

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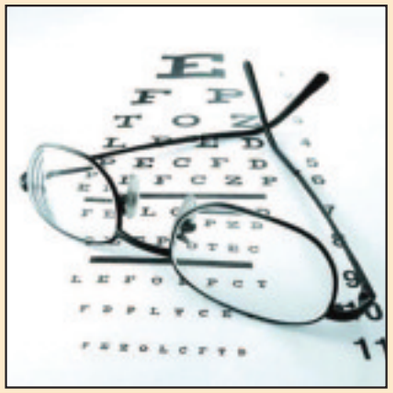

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Going Out Theatre

Newly formed youth theatre group to perform Dick Whittington in Ilminster

'DICK Whittington' will be the first production by the newly formed STAGE One branch of the Ilminster Entertainments Society Youth Theatre.

It will be performed at the Warehouse Theatre on Friday, February 11th at 7.30pm and Saturday, February 12th at 11.30am.

The script has been written by Tarquin Shaw-Young and is being directed by Lucy Driver and Sonya Shaw, all of whom were founder members of the Youth Theatre when it started in 1980. Coincidentally the first pantomime performed by the original Youth Theatre was also 'Dick Whittington.'

The cast of thirty children aged between 6 and 10 years of age have been working hard over past weeks and have shown great commitment while having a tremendous amount of fun preparing for next month's production. There will be everything one could expect of a pantomime from heroes to villains, lots of audience participation and even a pantomime horse. The cast will be augmented by dancers from Hambridge Primary School.

The Youth Theatre is grateful to Ilminster businesses Mikes, Cornhill Wines and Bonners who have sponsored the production.

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Kate Nash set for Yeovil gig

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The singer-songwriter released her second album 'My Best Friend is You' last year, as the follow up to number 1 album 'Made of Bricks', will be performing hits including Foundations and Do-Wah-Doo.

Tickets for the show cost £12 and are available from ticketweb.co.uk, seetickets.com or from Acorn Records, Glovers Walk, Yeovil. For more information visit www.theorangeboxlive.co.uk or call 08458 738 299..

Going Out Gigs

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Teddy developed his musical drive early in life and launched his first band while still in his early teens. By the time he released his self-titled solo debut in 2000, he'd served a stint in his father's touring band and contributed guitar and vocals to his dad's albums *You? Me? Us?* and *Mock Tudor*. He subsequently co-produced and played on his mother's 2002 comeback disc Fashionably Late, and toured as a member of Rosanne Cash's backing band.

He regularly duets with friends and fellow musicians Rufus and Martha Wainwright as well as appearing on Jools Hollands Later.

A truly talented singer-songwriter with an incredible voice, don't miss Teddy Thompson at The Electric Palace, Bridport on Thursday, February 24th, it's going to be sensational.

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THE KEYS OF HEAVEN

Book Signing in the Main Hall

Saturday 29th January

10.30am - 12noon

Local author David Sutcliffe, of Isle Abbotts near Ilminster will be signing copies of his new book - the first biography of Revd Charles Marson, erstwhile vicar of Hambridge. Marson is well-known in folk circles as the partner of Cecil Sharp in the collection of Somerset folk songs in the early 1900s. Together they kick-started the English Folk Revival.

This event was previously scheduled for 18th December last year but was postponed due to adverse weather conditions

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SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND
CHARD: Peace Vigil at Holyrood Street, from 11am - 12noon.

TUESDAY JANUARY 25TH
ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group public meeting with a talk from Faysal Mikdadi. In the Minster Rooms, Ilminster at 7.30pm. All welcome, entry £3 inc tea/coffee.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26TH
TATWORTH: Craft Workshop 'Wonder Scarf' at Tatworth Memorial Hall from 1pm - 5pm. Organised by Tatworth and Forton RAG Active Living. Telephone 01460 220339 or 01460 220198 for more details.
CHARD: Prize Bingo, to include raffle and refreshments at Crowshute House. Doors open 6.30pm, eyese down 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 62842 for more details.

WEDNESDAY 26TH - SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH
CREWKERNE: 'Robinson Crusoe' performed by CUDOS at the Victoria Hall from 7.30pm nightly. Saturday matinee from 2.30pm. Telephone 01460 74380 for more details.

FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH
TATWORTH: Film: 'Tamara Drewe' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Doors open 7.30pm with doors opening at 8pm. Telephone 01404 220198 for more details.
HORTON CROSS, NEAR ILMINSTER: Demonstration of painting by Linda White at Monk's Yard, Horton Cross Farm from 2-4pm. Telephone 01460 30012 for more details.
CHARD: Barry Paul as Elvis at Chard Town Football Club from 8pm. Proceeds in aid of Children's Hospice (South West) and Club Development Fund. Tickets £7 from Martins of Chard, Holyrood Street, and Club Members.

SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH
MERRIOTT: New To You Sale at The Tithe Barn from 10am - 11.30am. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4TH
ILMINSTER: Ladies Night at The Shrubbery Hotel from 7.30pm til late. In aid of CLIC Sargent. Tickets £10 each available from Sweet Surprise, The Shed and Prima Moda Brides of Ilminster, or call 07515 195400.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH
CHARD: Classic Vinyl Record Sale at Chard Guildhall from 9am - 12.30pm. Telephone 07990 938198 for more details.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
SEAVINGTON: Neroche Decorative and Fine Arts Society will be holding an open meeting from 2.30pm in Seavington Millennium Hall. The guest lecturer will be Elizabeth Rumbelow who will speak about "The Three Romantics: Chopin, Delacroix, and George Sand." Admission is free; if you would like to attend please contact Julie Fowler, Vice Chairman, Neroche DFAS on 01460 54007.

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

BLACK SWAN 15
Nina (Natalie Portman) is a ballerina in a New York City ballet company whose life, like all those in her profession, is completely consumed with dance. She lives with her obsessive former ballerina mother Erica (Barbara Hershey) who exerts a suffocating control over her. When artistic director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) decides to replace prima ballerina Beth MacIntyre (Winona Ryder) for the opening production of their new season, Swan Lake, Nina is his first choice. But Nina has competition: a new dancer, Lily (Mila Kunis), who impresses Leroy as well. Swan Lake requires a dancer who can play both the White Swan with innocence and grace, and the Black Swan, who represents guile and sensuality. Nina fits the White Swan role perfectly but Lily is the personification of the Black Swan. As the two young dancers expand their rivalry into a twisted friendship, Nina begins to get more in touch with her dark side - a recklessness that threatens to destroy her.

THE DILEMMA 12A
A man finds out that what you don't say to a friend is just as important as what you do in this story of how far you can bend a brotherly bond before it snaps. Since college, confirmed bachelor Ronny (Vince Vaughn) and happily married Nick (Kevin James) have been through thick and thin. Now partners in an auto design firm, the two pals are vying to land a dream project that would launch their company. Ronny's girlfriend, Beth (Jennifer Connelly), and Nick's wife, Geneva (Winona Ryder), are by their sides. But Ronny's world is turned upside down when he inadvertently sees Geneva out with another man and makes it his mission to get answers. As the amateur investigation dissolves into mayhem, he learns that Nick has a few secrets of his own. Now, with the clock ticking and pressure mounting on the biggest presentation of their careers, Ronny must decide what will happen if he reveals the truth to his best friend.

GET LOW 12A
Felix Bush (Robert Duvall) is a hermit who has no regard for anybody in the town or anyone who wants to get to know him. But one day, after a fellow old hermit as died and he hears people in the town telling stories about him, he decides that he needs to get these stories out in the public. He recruits Frank (Bill Murray) the local funeral home director to host his own funeral. This way he can hear what everyone is saying about him, and get the truth to his past out in the open. But will he be able to get anybody to come? And will he be able to reveal his secrets?

MORNING GLORY 12A
Becky (Rachel McAdams) is a hard-working morning TV show producer, or at least she was until she got fired. Desperate to get a job, she finally gets an interview with Jerry (Jeff Goldblum) - who is desperate to hire a producer for the struggling show "Daybreak". Becky accepts the job and it proves to be more difficult than even she might be able to handle. She has to fire the sexist co-host, then try to convince egotistical news reporter, Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford), to take the job, and then try and get him to actually do the job, properly. And she has to do this while falling for handsome Adam (Patrick Wilson), and trying to save the show from plummeting ratings. Will Becky be able to hold on to her dream job and her sanity?

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Little Fockers 12A
Daily: 14.30, 16.45, 19.00, 21.20
Plus Sun: 12.20
Morning Glory 12A
Daily: 13.15, 15.45, 18.15, 20.45
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader *in 2D* PG
Sat & Sun: 11.15
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One To One with Gyles Brandreth

GYLES Brandreth: The One To One Show comes to Taunton's Brewhouse Theatre on Tuesday, January 25th, with the show starting at 8pm.

The actor, author, One Show reporter, former MP and government whip turns stand up for this brilliant show. This is Brandreth unleashed on the stars he's known (one-to-one) and the wicked ways of Westminster (no expenses spared). Without hesitation or repetition (and just a touch of deviation), Gyles delivers a dazzling evening of wit, wordplay and hilarious name-dropping.

Tickets cost £16, and are available by calling the box office on 01823 283244 or by visiting www.thebrewhouse.net

Going Out Gigs

Wedding Fayre at the Alexandra Hotel and Restaurant - a *'most romantic waterside hotel'*

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The Alexandra Hotel and Restaurant Wedding Fayre is held on Sunday, 23rd January 2011 from 11am-4pm. For more details visit www.hotelalexandra.co.uk/weddings , call 01297 442010 or email events@hotelalexandra.co.uk

THIS WEEK'S CDS

WHITE LIES *Ritual*

Ritual is the follow-up to indie synth stars White Lies' debut album To Lose Your Life... and was produced by Alan Mulder (Smashing Pumpkins, My Bloody Valentine, Nine Inch Nails) at the Assault & Battery studios in London. The album features the single "Bigger Than Us".

The album has a loose religious theme, and you can expect the huge chorus hooks the band became famous for on their debut album

ALOE BLACC *Good Things*

All the promise of his debut comes true on Aloe Blacc's sophomore release, Good Things, a vintage-sound-meets-modern-problems release with a way too modest title. Right from the opening "I Need a Dollar" - which could be passed off as unreleased Bill Withers - the album offers grand things.

Blacc's delivery is less traditional with phrasing and some slang left over from when he was a 24-7 rapper.

KERI HILSON *No Boys Allowed*

No Boys Allowed is the second album from Atlanta-born R&B singer-songwriter Keri Hilson. The follow-up to debut record In a Perfect World, No Boys Allowed features the singles "Pretty Girl Rock" and "Knock You Down" (featuring Kanye West and Ne-Yo). Hilson has previously written hit tracks for artists like Britney Spears, Pussycat Dolls, and Usher, as well as being guest vocalist on mentor and label boss Timbaland's records.

ANNA CALVI *Anna Calvi*

Before even releasing her debut album, Anna Calvi has been lauded by Brian Eno, included in the BBC's influential Sound of 2011 list and toured with Interpol and Nick Cave's Grinderman. Dizzy heights indeed for a young woman with just one single to her name, but a string of intense, captivating live shows over the past year have generated a buzz of excitement about this London-based, half-Italian singer-songwriter.

Her eponymous debut is a confident effort, a "fully formed, multi-faceted sound that engages the listener's attention from the very first note."

THIS WEEK'S DVDS

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS

Tim (Paul Rudd) is a rising executive whose boss invites him to take part in an unsual game. Every month, a dinner party is staged, and a prize is handed out to whoever can find the most idiotic guest to come with them. Tim is certain he's onto a winner when he meets dim-witted Barry (Steve Carell) and decides to invite him.

THE SWITCH

From a short story by Virgin Suicides writer Jeffrey Eugenides comes a comedy about a middle-aged woman (Jennifer Aniston) who takes conceiving a child into her own hands by using a turkey baster to inseminate herself with a sample of a married friend's (Jason Bateman) sperm. Blades of Glory's Josh Gordon and Will Speck direct this film from a script by Allan Loeb.

With wonderful performances and wry wit, the dynamic between Wally and Sebastian is a joy to behold. Combined with the ever popular charms of Aniston, this is a sweet and uplifting rom-com guaranteed to warm your heart.

TANGLED UP

Tangled up is the fabulous fairy tale of Rapunzel.

Locked in a tower by a wicked witch, her beautiful blond hair grows incredibly long and her delightful singing entrances all around her. A handsome prince riding by is enchanted by her singing and has to see for himself the beauty that is Rapunzel.

DERREN BROWN: ENIGMA

Enigma is another jaw-dropping, show-stopping theatrical event that leaves the live audience and viewers in awe of Derren's incredible abilities to control minds and manipulate thoughts. A special tone leaves the audience hypnotised and a woman finds herself sleep-walking through the rows. Is a supernatural force summoned within the Spirit Cabinet or is the medium somehow doing Brown's bidding? Derren is at his funniest and finest in this stunning theatrical event, which brought him more rave reviews up and down the country and "sees him climb to artistic heights rarely, if ever, achieved by any other legends of the magical arts" (Time Out). Filmed live in front of a sold-out crowd at the New Wimbledon Theatre, the show was nominated for an Olivier Award in 2010.

Food *with Richard Coles*

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I AM something of a recipe book aficionado. In addition to my beloved edition of *Good Food* hitting the doormat each month, I am regularly tempted by Amazon's frustratingly good 'You might also like' lists. Dickson-Wright, Slater and Smith are just some of the names who catch the eye. As any literary lover with testify, there is something about the smell and feel of a new book, whilst the compulsory breaking of the spine to make it fit on your kitchen bookrest and the splattering of flour dust, milk and frying-pan-spat fat marks it out as yours. Remnants of meals gone by can provoke happy memories for next time you dip into that particular book.

This week, I want to bring your attention to a particular tome which was purchased for me by my sons this Christmas. Well, I say 'by them'; it was more on their behalf as neither Edward (3) nor Harry (3 months) would have been able to navigate their way through Amazon to find said text.

The book in question is The New Covent Garden Soup Company's book 'A Soup for Every Day: 365 of Our Favourite Recipes' (RRP £25, but now just £8.25 on our blessed Amazon). Despite having a plentifully library, this is fast becoming a favourite of mine and for very good reason indeed - the recipes are just right. Let me explain.

Some cookery books promise wonderful meals 'in minutes', but actually contain nothing more than ways to dress up processed food. I shall resist naming and shaming, but I saw one recipe recently for 'quick and easy tomato soup' where the main ingredient was a can of Heinz Tomato Soup! Unbelievable. Call me a snob if you wish, but the addition of extra cream, pepper, chives and a few more tomatoes to a can of preprepared soup is not cooking.

Others offer more fulfilling recipe ideas, but far too many require special trips to Waitrose for ingredients that even Heston himself wouldn't keep in the cupboard. Nice for special feast days, I suppose, but totally unpractical most of the time.

This outstanding book, however, gets the balance just right. Each soup is given a date of the year, and all the ingredients used in the recipe will be in season or at least reasonably obtainable otherwise (frozen peas, for example). And the added ingredients are perfect: sparing enough in quantity to encourage roundness of flavour and nutrition. Most would also be reasonable staples of the amateur cook's kitchen cupboards.

And also, if you are a veg box receiver like us, then it's handy index is invaluable. Simply flick to the back and look up the name of your sad, saggy left over vegetable and find a reliable recipe to turn it into a quick supper.

This is most certainly a fantastic book and I imagine will be well splattered with veg and cream over the years to come. Pick one up at Amazon's bargain price and you won't be disappointed.

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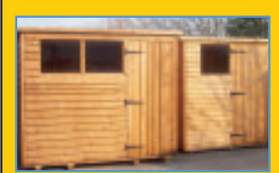

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- *Limited edition Corsa VXR Blue joins new Corsa range*
- *High-spec model with big cost saving on equipment vs. standard car*
- *Bold styling features complement design refresh from rest of range*

HOT on the heels of the new-look Corsa range, the Corsa VXR Blue Edition features new styling details, additional kit as standard and a head-turning paintjob, at a price that'll send its rivals into a spin.

At £19,425 (including 20% VAT), the Corsa VXR Blue undercuts key competitors like the Citroen DS3 R and the Mini Cooper Works by up to £3,600. Included in its price, this limited edition model features Arden Blue metallic paint, 18-inch alloys, dark-tinted glass, bespoke interior air vents and Recaro seats – that equates to a £445 saving compared with the cost of speccing a 'standard' Corsa VXR with this kit.

Like other models in the new-look Corsa range, the VXR and VXR Blue sport new 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps and a signature bar across the grille, coloured in blue. But in addition, the VXR gets a more aggressive front end, with deep in-set fog lamps, a wider and more prominent grille and a low, sculpted front spoiler to boost its sporting appeal. Inside, blue detailing can be found throughout, including the stitching on the leather steering-wheel, the interior air-vent colour and the trim on the Recaro seats.

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Following another harsh winter, misalignment is more likely to develop owing to the increased numbers of potholes created by freezing temperatures and the likelihood of vehicles bumping into curbs due to the slippery road surfaces. The impact resulting from these 'bumps' can knock wheels out of alignment, even damaging suspension components if severe, no matter how old or new the vehicle may be. If a motorist continues to drive the vehicle without the wheels being correctly aligned, they will increase tyre wear, decrease fuel efficiency and negatively affect the handling with the associated safety risks that presents.

According to Micheldever/Protyre retail director Simon Hiorns: "UK roads and repairs have not recovered totally from the snow and freezing winter weather of 2009/10 let alone the recent bout of ultra low temperatures and snow. And it is a fact that potholes tend to appear in the same place as previous road repairs. Potholes pose a very real safety threat to road users as well as spelling premature replacement cost for replacing tyres and possible wheels as well as suspension components."

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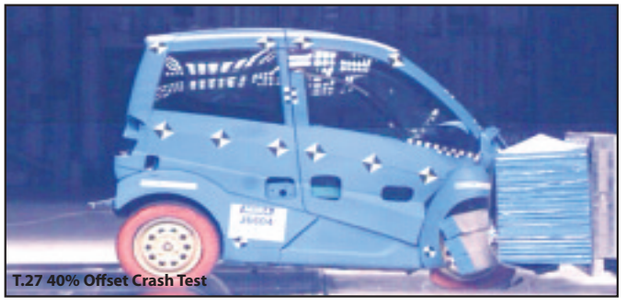
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Frank Coppuck, Gordon Murray Design's Engineering Director said:

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The development of the T.27, by Gordon Murray Design and Zytek Automotive Ltd, has been made possible through a £4.5m investment from the government-backed Technology Strategy Board. With a total cost of £9m, the consortium will develop running prototypes of the vehicle by Spring 2011.

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STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE *reporting on the Perry Street League*

Winsham Reserves get Fowler Final reprieve

DRIMPTON hopes of a first Cup Final appearance for seven years were scuppered when they fielded an ineligible player in last weekend's 2-0 'win' over Winsham United Reserves.

PSL officials cited cup rule 4 namely *'No player shall be eligible (unless by special consent) to play in the semi-final of a cup competition unless having played at least thee league games or in a previous round'.*

Subsequently Adam Chant and Sam Caddy's goals counted for little and Winsham were due to take their place in the Final scheduled Thursday (7pm) at Bridport FC.

Crucial game for Merriott

JACK VENN CUP

AN impressive 4-2 win over Crewkerne Rangers will have given Chard Rangers great heart ahead of tomorrow's round one trip to South Petherton Reserves. Wayne Long struck a finehat-trick for Chard who ended a 10-game winless run.

Tomorrow's other tie sees form side Shepton Beauchamp as clear favourites as they entertain Pymore at Brimgrove Lane.

Strikers Sam Murley and Dan Smith were also hat-trick heroes as Shepton remain unbeaten after crushing Hawkchurch 6-0 last weekend.

PREMIER

MERRIOTT Rovers' aspirations of a first title since 2003-04 took a body blow on Saturday when they were beaten 3-2 by rivals Lyme Regis.

Scott Jennings took his tally to 16 for the season with the opener but Lyme looked the stronger side and deserved their win in a match switched to Merriott due to the saturated Davey Fort. Even then the game was in jeopardy as Rovers had a set of goalposts stolen towards the end of the week!

Merriott face another stern test tomorrow when they travel to third-placed Beaminster, fresh from their Dorset Intermediate Cup quarter-final replay victory over Ferndown Sports.

Leaders South Petherton return to the fray with a trip to Ilminster Reserves whose own title credentials look to be in tatters after they were conclusively beaten 4-1 on their own turf by lowly West & Middle Chinnock.

Ollie Hutchings, Damian Hart, Aaron Langdon and Russell Lock scored the Chinnocks' goals in the win which sees them vacate the bottom position in the table.

Manager Nick Eckland takes his resurgent side to the finely groomed Shelway Lane, home of Barrington, tomorrow. The Yellow-Hammers are themselves on a decent run - a 1-1 draw with Perry Street giving them a fifth point from their last four outings.

Combe Reserves have returned to the foot of the table after two goals from Paul Richards earned Misterton a 2-1 win at Slades Cross. The result is even more galling for the Saints given that Missy spent the last 75 minutes reduced to 10 men after player-manager Jak Flatt was red-carded for stamping by referee Bryan Perryman.

Misterton, unbeaten in three and now heading towards midtable security visit Perry Street.

DIVISION ONE

THE top-of-the-table clash between Millwey Rise and Crewkerne Town was marred by a head injury suffered by 'Rise 'keeper Steve O'Brien.

With Millwey leading 3-1 after 63 minutes O'Brien suffered a triple fracture to his skull in an innocent collision at a corner. Devon Air Ambulance medics treated the 24-year-old and took him off toExeter an on to Plymouth Derryford Hospital.

Fortunately he was cleared to return home on Monday but will be out for up to two months.

With the required 70 minutes not having been completed it would appear that the match must be replayed. In the other top four meeting top-of-the-table Winsham United relinquished their unbeaten record to a John Kingston goal in a 1-0 defeat at Netherbury who go second as a result.

The Winsh will look to recover tomorrow when they entertain Norton Athletic who surprisingly became the first team to be beaten by Charmouth (3-2) in 18 months.

DIVISION TWO

DOWLISH & Donyatt plundered a five goal haul for the third game in a row to cement second spot in the table.

Relegation-haunted Forton Reserves were the latest opponents to fall to the freescoring stripes.

GOING WELL: Merriott Rovers who currently lie second in the Premier Division. Line-up back row, from left: Craig Lodge, Jason Crabb, Lee Martin, Adam Berry, Pete Symes, Scott Jennings, Mike Rowswell (linesman). Front: Martin Case (manager), Steve Rowe, Harvey Jennings, Guy Cossins, Jack Jennings, Jason Rendall, Haydn Smith. Missing: Marc Smith, Tom Case, Mark White, Matt Bulloch, Dave Lynch and Ian Manley (assistant manager).
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Hinton should extend a record of just one defeat in six when they take on Forton tomorrow and could yet emerge as rivals to Shepton and Dowlish as serious promotion contenders.

DIVISION THREE

WITH Winsham losing at Netherbury Misterton's 4-4 draw with Combe A means South Petherton now boast the only remaining 100 per cent record in the PSL.

Star of the show in the eight-goal thriller at Unity Lane was Combe's Warren Gabbidon who was another of the day's hat-trick men. In form strikers Neil Hawkins and Ricky Smith both scored for Misterton who trailed 4-2 at one stage but battled back for a point.

Missy. who remain three points clear at the top are due to entertain Chard United tomorrow.

A double from 15-goal striker Adam Swinnerton could save Crewkerne Reserves from surpisingly being held by struggling Millwey Rise Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

LEAGUE top scorers West & Middle Reserves moved to 58 for the season with a 9-2 humbling of Thorncombe Reserves in which strikers Ashley Cooper and Danny Rudge took their combined total to 33 with two apiece.

But it's Hinton who head the table. The Saints extended their lead to four points with Mark Pearce scoring twice in a 3-1 win over Chard Rangers.

This could well be increased after the visit of Thorncombe tomorrow.

THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES LIST

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP
Eastern Area Semi-Final
Farway United v Exmouth Reserves

JACK VENN CUP Round One
Shepton Beauchamp v Pymore
South Petherton Res v Chard Rangers

PREMIER
Barrington v West & Middle Chinnock
Beaminster v Merriott Rovers
Ilminster Town Res v South Petherton
Lyme Regis v Combe Reserves
Perry Street v Misterton

DIVISION ONE
Charmouth v Perry Street Reserves
Ilminster Town Colts v Forton Rangers
Millwey Rise v Lyme Regis Reserves
Thorncombe v Netherbury
Winsham United v Norton Athletic

DIVISION TWO
Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme
Forton Rangers Reserves v Hinton
Hawkchurch Utd v Beaminster Reserves

DIVISION THREE
Combe A v Drimpton
Crewkerne Town Reserves v Luso-Chard
Lyme Bantams v Winsham United Res
Misterton Reserves v Chard United

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Shepton Beau Res
Chard United Res v Barrington Res
Hinton Reserves v Thorncombe Res
Waytown Hounds v Combe B
W&M Chinnock Res v Hawk United Res

THURSDAY, January 27th
JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL
(at Bridport FC - 7pm kick-off)
Misterton Reserves v Winsham Utd Res

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TOUGH ASK: Richard White was due to lead Winsham United Reserves against high-flying Misterton Reserves in last night's John Fowler Cup Final.

Current tables

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Petherton	8	8	0	0	40	8	24
Merriott Rovers	10	8	0	2	38	20	24
Beaminster	8	7	0	1	25	5	21
Lyme Regis	7	5	1	1	21	10	16
Ilminster Town Reserves	6	4	0	2	11	11	12
Barrington	11	2	4	5	24	33	10
Misterton	10	2	3	5	16	34	9
Farway United	7	2	1	4	20	24	7
Perry Street	8	1	2	5	11	20	5
West & Middle Chinnock	9	1	2	6	14	35	5
Combe Reserves	12	1	1	10	16	36	4

DIV ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham United	9	8	0	1	32	10	24
Netherbury	9	7	0	2	27	13	21
Crewkerne Town	9	6	1	2	36	15	19
Millwey Rise	8	6	1	1	32	12	19
Perry Street Reserves	8	5	1	2	22	24	16
Forton Rangers	10	4	2	4	23	25	14
Thorncombe	12	4	1	7	21	34	10
Norton Athletic	11	3	1	6	21	34	10
Ilminster Town Colts	11	3	1	7	24	38	10
Lyme Regis Reserves	9	1	2	6	14	21	5
Charmouth	10	1	0	9	11	37	3

DIV TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster Reserves	10	7	2	1	39	16	23
Dowlish & Donyatt	12	7	1	4	36	19	22
Shepton Beauchamp	10	5	5	0	27	9	20
Hinton Reserves	10	6	1	3	25	20	19
Crewkerne Rangers	11	5	2	4	31	30	17
Uplyme	11	4	2	5	43	28	14
South Petherton Reserves	11	4	2	5	24	25	14
Pymore	10	4	2	4	25	34	14
Hawkchurch	11	3	1	7	23	37	10
Chard Rangers	10	2	1	7	22	45	7
Forton Rangers Reserves	10	1	1	8	17	49	4

DIV THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Misterton Reserves	9	8	1	0	39	16	25
Crewkerne Reserves	10	7	1	2	48	23	22
Luso-Chard	10	7	0	3	48	17	21
Chard United	10	6	2	2	32	15	20
Combe A	11	4	2	5	25	31	14
Lyme Regis Bantams	12	3	2	7	24	28	11
Farway Utd Reserves	11	3	2	6	16	47	11
Drimpton	9	2	3	4	13	40	9
Millwey Rise Reserves	10	1	2	7	13	29	5
Winsham United Reserves	8	1	1	6	18	31	4

DIV FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hinton Reserves	10	8	1	1	40	17	25
W & M Chinnock Reserves	9	7	0	2	58	19	21
Shepton Beauchamp Res	11	6	1	4	30	30	19
Combe B	10	6	0	4	32	31	18
Waytown Hounds	8	5	1	2	24	19	16
Chard United Reserves	11	5	1	5	30	32	16
Ilminster Town A	9	4	0	5	35	24	11*
Barrington Reserves	9	3	2	4	24	26	11
Thorncombe Reserves	9	3	1	5	13	27	10
Hawkchurch Reserves	12	1	3	8	17	49	6
Chard Rangers Reserves	10	1	0	9	15	44	3

(* = POINT DEDUCTED)

Top Scorers

PREMIER: Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers) 16, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 13, Marcus Alexander, Jon Hayter (both South Petherton) 11.
DIVISION ONE: Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 18, Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 14, Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town) 13.
DIVISION TWO: Dan Pyett (Beaminster Reserves) 14, Sam Murley (Shepton Beau) 13, Dan Smith (Shepton Beau), Alex Cottle & Gavin Fowler (both Uplyme), 12.
DIVISION THREE: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 25, Ricky Smith (MIsterton Reserves), Adam Swinnerton (Crewkerne Reserves) 15.
DIVISION FOUR: Ashley Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 18, Will Aplin (Shepton Beauchamp Reserves), Dan Rudge (W & M Chinnock Reserves) 15.
(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).

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RUGBY REVIEW

Mouthwatering clash at Chard

By **Keith Jenkin**

ALL roads lead to CHARD on Saturday next when the Dening Field contingent take on HORNETS, leaders of the Somerset Premier Division and unbeaten in the league thus far. Chard lie in the division's second place and really need to win this one if they are to overhaul these opponents.

Strange to tell, Chard have a far better points differential, as Hornets have not really walloped anyone, while Chard have scored upwards of 70 points on several occasions this season.

The fact remains that Hornets lead the division comfortably and have not lost, with the only blemish on their record being a draw with Minehead Barbarians.

Chard lost the earlier encounter at Weston narrowly (I think the final scoreline was 17-13) and I seem to remember that they failed tactically on that day by not playing through their eight as much as they should have done when they enjoyed something of an edge in that area.

This game has all the makings of a cracker and I certainly plan to watch it. The result will be close and I will stick my neck out and forecast that Chard will come out on top, for they are playing fluent rugby at this time.

I realistically cannot see them overtaking Hornets to claim the title at the seasonís end, for the Weston Super Mare side show no signs of falling away. A good run in will see Chard claim a promotion play off place however, and their good points differential hopefully should gain them a home draw.

After a couple of reversals, CREWKERNE will be hoping for a change of fortune when they entertain IVEL BARBARIANS 2nd at Henhayes, and I think they will enjoy one. Their opponents have not enjoyed the best of seasons and are placed at, or near, the bottom of the Somerset league Division Two (South).

I remember Crewkerne beating them by a distance when the sides met at Yeovil earlier in the season and I think that a comfortable home win is in prospect. This will go some way to restoring home confidence after the narrow defeat at the hands of North Petherton last time out.

As to the second sides, Chard seconds are likely to follow last week's useful win with another when they travel to Martock who have not won too many this season so far.

A brace of second half tries by converted winger Gould saw Chard thirds come back from the dead last time out, to claim a 29-29 draw against Burnham on Sea seconds after trailing 29-5 at the halfway stage.

They will find it difficult to win this week at Wellington thirds however if they give these opponents a 20 point start. If they play to their capabilities however, they should win comfortably for the home side have not shown too much in the league this season, and reside near the bottom.

FIXTURES 22nd January: Chard v Hornets; Chard 2nd v Martock (away); Chard 3rd v Wellington 3rd (away); Crewkerne v Ivel Barbarians 2nd.

Crewkerne Cricket

CREWKERNE Cricket Club will be starting indoor nets for the 2011 season on Monday, 31st January at Wadham Sports Centre, Crewkerne and every Monday thereafter.

Sessions commence at the following times; 31st January 8-9pm, 7th February 9-10pm, 14th February 8-9pm, 21st February 8-9pm, 28th February 8-9pm, 7th March 9-10pm, 14th March 9-10pm, 21st March 9-10pm, 28th March 8-9pm, 4th April 9-10pm, 11th April 8-9pm, 18th April 9-10pm.

Following the club's promotion last season, it will be operating in Division 7 of the Dorset Saturday League.

The club is keen to build on its recent success and has introduced a Sunday friendly team, to support its Saturday team, with the club playing a full set of weekend fixtures between May and September.

The club is always looking for new players - any age or ability are welcome at nets, and anyone who is interested in supporting the club in any other way, can contact either Ashley Lawrence on 07595621091 or Hamish Hodder on 07890176474 or email info@crewkernecricketclub.org.uk

SPORTS BRIEFING...

Wincanton racing news

WINCANTON Racecourse's next meeting is the Bathwick Tyres Irish Day on Saturday, January 22nd.

Celebrating the occasion, Wincanton will run the Best Dressed in Irish Theme competition for a VIP hospitality trip to Punchestown Festival (May 2011), and is encouraging racing fans to submit their best Irish joke through social media sites facebook: www.facebook.com\wincanton.racecourse and twitter: @wincantonraces

John Baker, Jockey Club Racecourses' Group Director of Operations Officer, said: "British horseracing is privileged and enhanced by the strong Irish association, and in celebration we are also offering free entry to all Irish racegoers (passport or birth certificate required) and very much hope that the Irish community come-racing in Somerset.

"A Somerset residents offer will be launched later in the season."

The Irish attractions will add to the day's entertainment of six competitive races off at 1.15pm with the last race at 4.10pm.

Local band 'Rusty Razor' will play in the Badger bar after racing. (Gates open at 11.15am).

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

Portishead in Robins' sights after run is ended

By **Howard Larcombe**

CHARD Town's encouraging five-game unbeaten run was halted by a 3-1 defeat at Cadbury Heath at the weekend.

Sam Spurway, with his third goal in five games, gave the Robins' some hope after they had slipped behind to two strikes from red-hot striker Sasha Tong who took his personal tally to 13 in 11.

Soon after both sides were reduced to 10 men with Adam Fricker following Cadbury's Liam Maloney off for an early shower.

A last minute third goal for the hosts killed off any hopes of a Chard fightback.

Tomorrow The Robins, still 14th in the Toolstation Division One table, will have three points firmly in their sights when they look to extend their six-game unbeaten home record with a victory from the visit of bottom-of-the-table Portishead Town

Chard Reserves' Devon & Exeter League Divisio Three promotion hopes received a blow as they were beaten 2-1 at Lympstone on Saturday. Matt Miller's long-range scorcher was the highlight for the Robins who conceded the winner a minute from time.

Meanwhile ex-Chard Town youth team goalkeeper Ben Hamer, now in his eighth season with Reading, has signed a three month loan agreement with League One Exeter City. The 23-year-old has previously been out on loan spells at Crawley Town and Brentford.

◆ *The club are hosting a band night at their Robins' Nest clubhouse tonight. The dorrs open at 7.30pm and the bands on show are; We Dance Like Animals, Silent Mob and The Weekday Saved.*

ILMINSTER TOWN

THE Blues booked a trip to Stockwood Green for a Somerset Senior Cup last 16 clash with a 3-2 win over Bishop Sutton Reserves at the Rec on Saturday.

Jamie Green, with his third goal of the season, headed home the all iportant winner after the Blues had battled back from 2-1 down. Ian Masters and Johnny May scored the other Ilminster goals.

Ilminster, currently fourth, turn their attention their Somerset League Division One promotion charge tomorrow with a visit to rivals Berrow who currently lie second.

COMBE St NICHOLAS

THE Saints' search for their first win of 2011 continues after they were held to a 1-1 draw at Churchill Club on Saturday.

Combe, still handily placed on the shoulders of the leading pack in fifth spot in Division Two (West), will look to rectify an indifferent home record that has yielded just one win in six when they entertain lowly Burnham United Reserves tomorrow.

"I felt we deserved a win against Churchill but had one or two decisions go against us" said Combe manager Ivor Hutchings.

Meanwhile, there has been some changes in personnel at Slades Cross; striker Tom Vincent has joined from Axminster Town, Darren Brown has returned after a spell with Chard Town and the other 'new' faces are Matt Brown and youngster Matt Cridge.

Two players have headed out of Combe in recent times. As reported in ***The Weekender*** last week Richard Curwood has left to rejoin Ilminster Town whilst striker Adam Tovey is trying his hand in the Toolstation League with neighbours Chard Town.

Tovey, who averaged a goal every other game (64 games/32 goals) in his two and a half season's in first team colours, is sure to be a big loss.

Hutchings is pleased with his new players, he said: 'Tom Vincent looks to be a handy player who chipped in with eight goals in a struggling team in his time with Axminster.

Matty Cridge is a 18-year-old six footer who couldn't quite break through at Chard Town but looks certain to figure in our first team at some point, and we are pleased to have Matty and Darren (Brown) back with us."

The Saints are also boosted by the return to training and near fitness of Neil Parsons and Mark Redwood.

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Seaton & District Snooker

Results: January 11th - Chard Cons & Pros 5 Sidmouth WMC A 1+2, Honiton Wonderers 6 Chard Casuals 0, Colyton Excons 3 Colyton Feds 3+4, Sidmouth WMC B 2 Honiton WMC A 4. Rearranged game: Sidmouth WMC A 0 Colyton Feds 6.

30+ breaks: Neil Whitfield (Colyton Excons) 33, Ben Pike (Honiton Wonderers) 54, Neil Wilmington (Chard Cons & Pros) 30.

Table	P	W	D	L	Bonus	Pts
Colyton Feds	12	5	2	5	24	61
Honiton Wonderers	12	12	0	0	0	60
Chard Cons & Pros	**12**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**10**	**53**
Chard Casuals	**12**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**12**	**46**
Honiton WMC	12	5	3	4	10	44
Sidmouth WMC B	11	2	3	6	16	41
Colyton Excons	11	2	4	5	10	40
Sidmouth WMC A	12	0	2	10	12	31

Ilminster & District Skittles

NOMINATION League

Group One: Wyndham Arms 233-0 (A.Carnell 40, W.Holland, D.Yard 20) Hatch Beagles 299-12 (M.Anderson 43, A.Stone 25). *Hatch Eggs v Kings Head - match null and void, no points*.*

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hatch Beagles	7	5	0	2	60
Flying Turkeys	6	5	0	1	54
Wyndham Arms	8	3	0	5	42
Kings Head	5	2	0	3	23*
Hatch Eggs	6	1	0	5	13*

Group Two: Donyatt Bowling Club 278-2 (K.Kneeshaw 63, R.Young 19) Ashill Inn 304-10 (C.Male 59, L.Mills 18), Ashill Boys 241-10 (S.Robson 43, M.Brown 5) Royal Oak 208-2 (D.Lane 34, T.Jenkins 17).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ashill Inn	7	7	0	0	72
Carnival Clingons	5	4	0	1	43
Donyatt BC	7	1	0	6	27
Royal Oak	7	2	0	5	27
Ashill Boys	7	2	0	5	23

(NB: Royal Oak remaining home games to be played at Bell & Crown, Chard).

◆ *Highest scores: N.Jenkins (Crown Faces and K.Kneeshaw (Donyatt BC) 63.*

Group Three: Nomads 267-10 (B.Downting 47, C.Miller 17) Bellclangers 244-2 (N.Cherry 53, D.Yeadon 22).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Royals	5	4	0	1	45
Nomads	5	4	0	1	44
Cricketers	5	2	0	3	27
Bell Clangers	5	0	0	5	4

Group Four: Bell Broadway 191-2 (P.Lavis 37, M.Holcombe 12) Bell A 215-10 (G.Lawrence 42, P.Speed 15).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crown Faces	5	3	0	2	37
Bell A	5	3	0	2	33
Rockey's Rollers	5	3	0	2	32
Bell Broadway	5	1	0	4	18

Chard Indoor Bowls League

	Pld	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
East Coker A	9	7	0	2	25	14
Greyhounds	9	6	0	3	22	12
Westway	8	6	0	2	14	12
Magpies	10	5	0	5	17	10
Hurricanes	9	4	0	5	-18	8
Somerset Six	10	3	0	7	-13	6
Canaries	9	1	0	8	-47	2

◆ Recent results: East Coker A 21 Hurricanes 4, Greyhounds 11 Canaries 17, Westway 15 Magpies 7.

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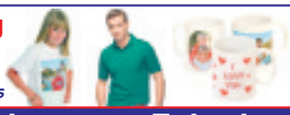
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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Anchors away for Skiverton

AFTER Yeovil Town's latest victory manager claims his side are now: "A couple of miles away from the harbour on the boat. We have got the sail up and we are chugging away quite nicely."

Well certainly until Christmas they were firmly moored to the harbour wall; rock bottom in npower League One and out of the FA Cup.

Having only picked up two points in their previous nine league matches, they had sunk to the bottom and it didn't look like they knew how to get out of the predicament.

Come New Year's Day and a goalless draw at Home Park against an improving Plymouth, their second in a row, perhaps saw them raise the anchor.

Wins against M K Dons and Brentford, again without conceding in either, saw them leave the comfort of the harbour and at the same time take closer order against other troubled sides who also had success over the holiday period.

The victory at the County Ground on Saturday was significant in that it prevented Swindon from putting water between the two sides.

Yeovil with the strong wind behind their backs, had much the better of the first quarter of the match before the Robins found their feet, forcing on-loan keeper Stephen Henderson into three good stops, the best being a superb save from former Glover Michael Rose's curling free kick.

Ed Upson made it harder for his colleagues just before the hour when he was red carded for stamping on Rose, having already received a yellow for a tackle on Jonathan Douglas a few minutes earlier.

Glovers head for open water

The goal that settled it came of 65 minutes when Nathan Smith's long ball into the box found Sam Williams. He turned and fired in a low shot that Robins keeper Phil Smith did well to partially save, and in doing so the ball looped up and struck the crossbar where Dean Bowditch was first to react, diving to head home the loose ball.

Despite concerted efforts by Swindon to get back on level terms, the Glovers defence stood firm to keep their fifth consecutive league clean sheet.

The win, the third on the trot, unfortunate does not lift them out of the relegation zone, but does draw them level on points with Tranmere who have a superior goal difference by two.

So, can Skivvo steer his boat out of trouble and into calmer waters? They face Rochdale at Huish Park this week with more new crew on board.

Striker Oli Johnson has joined on a month's loan from Norwich City, and the 23-year-old made his debut for the Glovers on Saturday when he came on as a replacement for Andy Williams after 54 minutes.

◆ News that **Max Ehmer** has extended his loan until the end of the season is a boost for the Glovers. The tall QPR midfielder has formed a great relationship with skipper Paul Huntingdon in the centre of defence and should be a great asset to the club.

Giant French goalkeeper **Yohann Lacroix** is training with the club. The 6'5" arrived on Wednesday. Having begun his professional career at Lille, his last club was Etoile FC, the first European side to play in the Singapore S League, where he made more than 30 appearances last season.

Meanwhile the saga of the goalkeeping coach position appears to have been resolved.

After first team goalkeeping coach Ben Roberts left the club just before the New Year to join fellow npower League One side Charlton Athletic, he was replaced by former Glover Jon Sheffield who joined on a temporary basis with the possibility of making it permanent. However he did not take up the post and it was rumoured that another former Yeovil Town gloveman, Len Bond might make a return.

However the club announced on Monday that **Gareth Stewart** has now been appointed to the post. Stewart made 163 appearances for AFC Bournemouth over nine seasons before leaving the Cherries for Dorchester Town in 2008. He left in the summer of 2009. His last club was Welling United who he joined this season and made 11 appearances.

YEOVIL Town are to host the Under 18s international between England and Wales at Huish Park on Friday, March 25th (ko 7.30pm).

Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2 for children and are available from the club's ticket office.

Over in the corner!

■ **JUST:** Chard 3rd XV'S Stuart Gold-squeezes over for one of three tries in Saturday's 29-29 draw with Burnham-on-Sea.

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■ **CREWKERNE BADMINTON**
CREWKERNE Hermitage Badminton Club play at Wadham School sports hall on Friday evenings between 8pm and 10pm.

The club offers both full and half season memberships as well as pay and play option.

New members are always welcome for further information contact Martin Hooper (01460 78026) or Helen Taylor (01460 77651) or simply drop in on a Friday evening.

■ **DONYATT BOWLS**: Donyatt Bowls club is due to host Merriott in a 5-rink mixed friendly tomorrow. The following day the club entertain South Dorset in a 4-rink mixed friendly.

The third of the week's home games sees the visit of the Axminster Ladies for a 3-rink match on Thursday. All three games commence at 2pm.

■ **PETER SHILTON**: ENGLAND'S record appearance holder Peter Shilton is appearing in *'An audience with Peter Shilton'* at the Brewhouse Theatre, Taunton on Thursday, February 3rd. Tickets cost between £11.50 and £16.50 - for more details ring 01823 283244

■ **ACCURATE:** : Chard3rd XV's skipper Clive Adams launches a successful conversion attempt in Saturday's entertaining draw with visitors Burnham-on-Sea.

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ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT PUTS COMBE St NICHOLAS' **SCOTT WELLS-BURR, UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT**

Q How long have you been involved in local football? who have you played for?

A I'VE been playing senior football since I was 16. I started with Chard Town before moving on to Wellington in the Toolstation-Western League and now Combe.

Q Name the three best players you've played alongside and why.

A **Steve Devlin** at Chard - he was a very talented player and has now moved on to conference football with Dorchester Town. **Mark Scott** is also very good when he's availible and my team mate now **Darren Hutchings** is a good player.

Q What are your hopes for Combe this season?

A Like any team you play for promotion is the main thing you go for. Things are going pretty well at the moment - we are in a very good spot.

Q How would you improve things at the club?

A I don't think anything needs to improve Ivor Hutchings, the gaffer, (chairman/manager) is doing a superb job.

Q Who are you tips for the top and bottom two in the Somerset League Divison Two (West) this season?

A Congresbury are very strong this season and are going very well. I think Long Ashton and possibly Wrington could drop.

Q Name some young Combe players we should look out for in the future.

A **Ben Haines** is talented, very strong and could probably go onto better things in the future. **Dan Collins** has crept into the first team this year and is scoring goals, and **Mark Redwood** is also one for the future.

NEXT WEEK: New Thorncombe manager Tommy O'Hare.

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